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Re: PCT/EP99/03599: US patent application Serial No. 09/700,989

Filing date: 26 May 1999

Inventor: Serge Hoste et al.

Title: "Method and apparatus for spraying to form a thick coating"

Your ref: 522-1014

Our ref: R1331-US

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Dear Bill,

We refer to your letter dated August 29, 2002.

We informed you on July 4, 2002 that the above identified patent application was assigned to **N.V. Bekaert S.A.**, which is indeed a large entity. Therefore, may we please kindly ask you to tender the additional fee for the extension of time.

Please confirm safe receipt of these instructions by return fax.

Best regards,

Ariane Bird

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